

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape having a backing and a cohesive adhesive composition, wherein the adhesive composition is a styrene-butadiene dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend with a water-based natural rubber latex and has been coated onto the backing and then dried.

Claims 2-13 (Previously cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex has either a low concentration of ammonia lattices latex or a high concentration of ammonia lattices latex.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is chemically crosslinkable with a compound selected from the group consisting at least one of aluminum chelate, titanium chelate, metal complexes, isocyanates and epoxy.

17. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is physically crosslinkable with EBC.

18. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition further comprises an aging inhibitor and a UV stabilizer.

19. (presently amended) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is selected from the group consisting one of a polyolefin, polyester, PVC or and paper.

20. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition has been coated onto the backing at an application rate of 10-120 g/m².

21. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is physically surface treated for improving anchoring of the adhesive composition to the backing.

22. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is pretreated with a primer for improving anchoring of the adhesive composition to the backing.

23. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the styrene-butadiene dispersion is a carboxylated styrene-butadiene dispersion.

24. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex in the adhesive composition is in the range of about 5-80%, based on a total solids content of the adhesive composition.

25. (Previously added) The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 24, wherein the natural rubber latex in the adhesive composition is in the range of 20-50%, based on the total solids content of the adhesive composition.

26. (Previously added) A method for producing an adhesive tape having a backing, comprising the steps of

a) preparing a blend of a styrene-butadiene dispersion and natural rubber latex, the adhesive composition being a styrene-butadiene dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend;

b) coating the backing with the blend; and

c) drying the coating onto the backing.

27. (Currently amended) A method of producing an adhesive bond, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an adhesive tape, as claimed in claim 1; and
- b) adhering said adhesive tape to a [substance] substrate to produce said adhesive bond.

28. (New) An adhesive tape having a backing and a cohesive adhesive composition, wherein the adhesive composition is a styrene-butadiene dispersion having a butadiene content of about 60-95% in a blend with a water-based rubber latex natural rubber fraction of 5-80% and has been coated onto the backing and then dried.